

[Document Name] Specification

[Title of the Invention] Facsimile Machine

[Scope of Claims]

[Claim 1] A facsimile machine arranged to scan an original document and transmit scanned image data to an external device by electronic mail, characterized by means for dividing the image data in parallel with the scanning of the original document each time an amount of the image data exceeds a prescribed amount, and transmitting means for transmitting the divided image data by each separate electronic mail.

[Claim 2] The facsimile machine described in claim 1, characterized in that the transmitting means includes means for establishing a communication with the external device when the scanning of the original document is started.

[Claim 3] The facsimile machine described in claim 1 or 2, characterized in that the transmitting means includes means for maintaining a connection with the external device until all the divided image data are transmitted.

[Claim 4] The facsimile machine described in any of claims 1, 2, or 3, characterized by means for storing the electronic mail, means for receiving information on whether or not the external device received the electronic mail, and means for erasing the electronic mail from the storing means when a determination is made, in accordance with the received information, that the external device received the electronic mail.